### IF MAIDENS BUT KNEW.

A good wife rose from her bed one morn
And thought with nervous dread
Of the piles on piles of clothes to be washed
And the dozen of mouths to be fed.
"There's the meals to get for the men in the field,
And the children to fix away to school,
And all the milk to be skirmwed and churand And all the milk to be skimmed and churned, And all to be done this day."

It had rained in the night, and all the wood Was wet as it could be,
There were puddings and pies to bake
And a leaf of cake for tea, And the day was hot, and her aching head Throbbed wearily as she said: "If maidens but knew what good wives know They'd not be in haste to wed."

"Annie, what do you think I told Ned Brown?" Called the farmer from the well— And a flash crept up to his bronzed brow And his eyes half bashfully fell. "It was this:" And coming near he smiled.
"It was this: That you are the best And the dearest wife in town."

The farmer went back to the field,

And the wife, in a smiting absent way, Sang snatches of tender little songs . She'd not sang in many a day. And the pain in her head was gone, and her clothes Were as white as the form of the sea, And her butter as sweet and golden as it could be

The good wife emiled to herself as she said: "Tis so sweet to labor for those we love It is not strange that maids will wed."

## SECOND-HAND SCHOOL BOOKS.

What Eccomes of Them-They Form the Basis for a School Book Exchange. "What becomes of all the second-hand school books?" was asked of a veteran dealer

by a reporter. "That's what people are all the time won-dering he replied. "The general public have the idea that they go where pins, needles, hairpins and such things go to, that is, they disappear somehow or other and no one knows where to. You may be surprised to learn it, but there is a large and increasing trade done in second-hand school books alone; so much so that we have now a regular school book exchange. You see, boards of school trustees are all the time changing the books their papils study, unless not allowed to do so by law, which is the case in some states, and in former times, when they made a change, they either sold the discarded books for old paper or burned them. But now they are ore economical. They hunt up the school-ok exchange and are allowed to trade their discipled books for those they want, of course paying something for doing so. Why, through the agents, booksellers, school Palman Palace Sieeping Cars on Evening Trans trustees, and others, we keep track of changes of this unture made in any important school throughout the United States.

"I have a book here, indexed, which gives the towns in which a certain publisher's geography is used. To give you an illustration: As soon as I hear that a school is going to substitute another geography for that one I make a bargain for the discarded ones, and at once writing to the towns where it is still in favor, probably will have the lot sold be-fore they reach here. It is the same way with dealers in a town. When the public schools branch off from a certain book the dealer has no further sale for them, and so he is glad enough to get rid of his stock to me, and I can dispose of them where they are in I have on file blanks from all localities on which are given the names of the school books in use in the vicinity. Of course, I take the books at a discount."

"How much do you get for a second-hand school book?"

"As a rule, about half price. The demand for the regular second-hand ones is now par-ticularly in the farming districts and throughout the south. Take a farmer's boy who has been to school only a few months and has not much spare money, and he will eagerly buy a school book but little worn when he can get it at half its original price. As to the demand in the south, there seems to be a greater appreciation of the advantages of a more general education, and my agents all report a marked increase in the demand for school books there,"-New York Mail and Express.

## The Horrors of Morphine

give me just a little!" The words came from a shrunken-faced man who stood in-front of a drug store on William street as he raised his hands appeal-

"I cannot give you any," replied the drug-gist, as he closed the door in the man's face. The latter began a vigorous pounding on Is the Place to get Everything Kept in a the door, and presently a policeman ap-"What's the row!" he asked.

"This man is a morphine flend," replied the druggist, "and I can't sell him any."
"Oh, for heaven's sake, give me just a little! See, I have money!7

"The policeman led the man away, but ten

minutes later he was back again. The po-man again appeared and dragged the man off in the direction of the station house. "If you go home I'll let you go," said the

kind-hearted policeman. The man promised to go directly home and started away. An hour afterward he was ngain in front of the drug store beseeching the proprietor to sell him a small quantity of

This time another policeman hove in sight. and in response to the druggist's demands or dered the morphine "fiend" away. Threat were useless, and the policeman cuffed the man's ears. It was in vain, he still pleaded for the drug. Then the policeman shoved the

man away. The latter seemed very feeble and fell headlong to the pavement. When he got up the blood was flowing from his mouth, but he refused to go away, and the policeman was compelled to take him to the

"They can talk about liquor ruining men,"

said the druggist, "but when opium once gets its grasp on a man he's gone."—New York

Prolific in Peculiar People. California appears to be prolific in odd and peculiar people. To speak of any one as a crank would be superfluous, as they appear to be a nation of cranks. In a word there is no spot on earth so blessed by nature and cursed by man as California. Speaking of cursing reminds me that everybody seems to swear as though it was the fashionable thing to do. I had about become convinced that the country produced an abundance of every-thing for which man had any use till I heard them swear; then I knew that there must be a dearth in language. Words appear to be so very scarce that out of mere poverty of language (if for no more villainous reason) they keep repeating their nauseating blas-phemy over and over again. It appears to be the proper thing to damn somebody either PARALYSIS, NEURALGIA.

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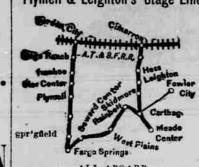
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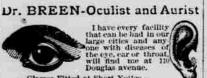
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